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## Titusville Morning Herald.

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**New Advertisements To-day.**  
To Rent—Rooms with Bath—Mrs. Solen. Dealer in Real Estate—Henry B. Pickett. Flour and Feed Store—Charles H. Brown. Two Buildings for Sale—Charles H. Brown. Distribution Notice—Stearns & Co. Pantalon Makers Wanted—McFarland, Smith & Co. Oil Wanted—Address at Herald Office. Proposals for Paving Franklin Street—Street Commission. Great Sale of Books and Shoes To-day—Joseph Gosline.

## CLOTHS &amp; CASSIMERS!

**Time Table for Titusville.**

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1971.

**SOUTH TRAINS.**

Arrive. Leave.

No. 10, Freight, 6:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m.

4, Express, 7:55 a.m. 8:05 a.m.

14, " 10:40 " 11:00 "

2, Ex. Mail, 12:25 p.m. 12:45 p.m.

18, Freight, 1:30 " 1:35 "

19, " 3:15 " goes further.

20, " 6:20 " 6:30 p.m.

6, Express, 10:10 " 10:20 "

**NORTH TRAINS.**

Arrive. Leave.

No. 5, Express, 6:25 a.m. 8:45 a.m.

15, Freight, 9:25 " goes no further.

16, " 11:00 " 10:00 a.m.

17, " 1:55 p.m. 2:30 p.m.

11, " 3:05 " 3:30 "

8, Ex. Mail, 6:28 " 6:32 "

9, Freight, goes no further.

1, Express, 9:17 " 9:25 p.m.

## Citizens' Meeting.

A public meeting will be held at the Common Council room.

**This Evening, at 8 O'clock.**

to take suitable action in regard to the explosion yesterday, and to adopt such measures as shall seem expedient to effectually prohibit in future the transportation of nitro-glycerine through the streets of Titusville. By request of

**MANY CITIZENS.**

## Only a Question of Time.

We have very little comment to offer upon the shocking event of yesterday. We only note it as another warning to this community which they had better heed.

Here are the facts:

Four hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine were hauled from Robert's magazine through the central streets of our city, yesterday morning.

The driver halted at various places en route, and is said to have hitched his horse in Diamond street long enough to harness some private business.

He then drove on through Diamond street, and thence toward the village of Enterprise on his way to Tidoute. Before reaching Enterprise the nitro-glycerine exploded, with the result which is elsewhere recorded.

Had this explosion occurred in our own street, the best business blocks in the city would have been demolished, and perhaps scores of lives destroyed.

This hauling of nitro-glycerine through our public streets has been a matter of daily occurrence ever since the Roberts Torpedo Company commenced using the compound.

It is true here is a city ordinance prohibiting the transportation, but the ordinance has become a dead letter, and is at all times violated with impunity.

The city has as little regard for the law as they have for public opinion, and is therefore only a question of time how soon the frightful calamity of yesterday, on an isolated country road, will be repeated here, in a thickly populated locality.

Now will the Council protect the citizens, or shall the citizens protect themselves?

**JOHN CLARK, JR.**, Spool Cotton, 80 cts. a dozen, at Hall & Bosley's, 79 Spring street.

**UNIONIST CHURCH**—Services in the morning and evening, at the usual hours. Rev. N. E. Boyd, of Meadville, will occupy the pulpit.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Rev. J. W. Spoor, of Oil City, will preach at the Baptist Church to-morrow morning and evening, at the usual hours. Business church meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.

**ACCIDENT**—About four o'clock yesterday afternoon a painter who was working on a scaffolding at the new Titusville Academy, corner of Elm and Perry streets, was accidentally precipitated to the ground, by the giving way of his support. He alighted on his head, and was carried to his home insensible. Dr. Duvigan being summoned, discovered that the concussion of the brain and spinal cord had produced partial paralysis. After being cupped the patient appeared to rally, and at last some points were much better. He is a single man, 25 years of age, and works for Mr. White, painter.

**OIL CRACKER R. K.**—A new time table goes into effect on Monday next. The arrival and departure of all trains at Titusville is given in another column. We shall give the table in full on Monday. The time table of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad changed last Monday. It will be found in another column.

**RONAWAY**—While Mr. Theobald, of the firm of Blake & Theobald, was driving in a buggy up Brook-street hill, the horse became frightened at an oil wagon, and started over the side of the street, upsetting the buggy and throwing Mr. Theobald out. The horse ran down the steep and wooded hill toward Brown street, dragging the vehicle with him. Some laborers near Main street succeeded in stopping the horse, but not until he had completely demolished the buggy and done serious injury to himself. Mr. Theobald escaped unhurt.

**WOODEN PAVEMENTS**—A numerously signed petition to the Council is in circulation for the improvement of Main street by laying the Wyckoff pavement, provided the cost shall not exceed \$2 per square yard.

The property owners on Perry street are also contemplating the improvement of that street by wooden pavement.

The Council call for proposals for improving Franklin street.

The concert announced to be given at the Opera House by Miss Jennie J. Young, of Syracuse, on Monday evening next, has been indefinitely postponed.

**HALL & BOSLEY** will celebrate John Clark, Jr., Spool Cotton at 80 cts. a dozen.

## Another Nitro-Glyceride Horror.

**FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS EXPLODED.**

**A MAN BLOWN TO ATOMS.**

**A Horse and Wagon Annihilated.**

**WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION.**

**A Lady Knocked Senseless.**

**BARN DEMOLISHED, HOUSES TWISTED OUT OF SHAPE, TREES PROSTRATED, FENCES DESTROYED.**

**AN APPALLING RECORD GENERALLY.**

**THE CORONER'S INQUEST.**

**Nobody to Blame, as Usual.**

At twenty-five minutes past one o'clock yesterday afternoon, four hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine in cans, loaded on a wagon bound from Titusville to Tidoute, exploded, about three-quarters of a mile this side of Enterprise, on the public highway leading from Titusville. The driver, Mr. CHARLES C. CLARK, who is one of Roberts & Co.'s most careful agents, was blown to atoms, as also was the horse and wagon. A large OCCULAR EXCAVATION, about four or five feet deep, and twelve feet in diameter, was made in the middle of the road; and the

FENCES AND TREES for a considerable distance on either side were shattered into fragments.

The property of Mr. Conner, about forty rods north Enterprise, was blown to pieces, and the whole neighborhood converted into a COMPLETE WRECK.

The butt end of the driver's wagon was driven a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile, passed through a window in Mr. Arminio's house, and

KNOCKED HIS WIFE SENSELESS.

Several persons a remote distance from the scene of the disaster were so stunned by the shock that they are

CONFINED IN BED.

The houses all along the road leading into Enterprise were more or less injured, being

TWISTED OUT OF SHAPE

in such a manner, as to prevent the opening or shutting of windows or doors. The shock was like that of

AN EARTHQUAKE,

extending for miles and being felt throughout the whole surrounding country and distinctly heard

Several houses here were shaken to their foundations. On Church Run the report sounded like

A BOILER EXPLOSION,

and in this vicinity like the low rumbling of an earthquake.

With the exception of the unfortunate Clark, was the nearest individual to the explosion. He was on horseback on his way to Tidoute, and had made an attempt to

PASS CLARK'S WAGON,

but fell back to allow of his going down hill. At the instant of the explosion, Reguel was about sixty rods to the rear, and the concussion of the air almost

UNSEATED HIM,

and forced both him and his horse backward. The horse was so stunned that he staggered, and the rider reeled.

SO SEVERELY A SHOCK,

that he could hardly realize the situation. Immediately after the explosion, a telegram was sent from Enterprise to this city and large

NUMBERS OF PEOPLE

visited the scene of the disaster. Strange to say Clark's face was found almost entire, WITHOUT THE SKULL.

One eye was blown out, and the other was open, glaring and

TRANSFIXED IN DEATH.

The mouth and nose and mustache were perfectly natural, and apparently he had

NOT TIME EVEN

to put on an expression of alarm. As to the remaining portions of the body were scattered so widely and torn into such

MINUTELY FRAGMENTS,

that it was difficult to tell which belonged to the man and which to

THE HORSE.

At the time our reporter reached the spot, the supposed

ROMAN REMNANTS

were lying in a basket. A telegraph pole on the roadside bore strong evidence of

INSTANTANEOUS DEMOLITION,

leaving the wire intact overhead. The woods on the upper side of the road were

SET ON FIRE

in several places, but it was subsequently extinguished, and the appearance of what was once the horse and wagon.

RECOGNIZABLE DESCRIPTION.

The four-quarter of the animal was lying in the roadway.

THE HORSE

of the fore feet gone, and the entrails and binder parts scattered, while a

BROKEN WHIP

and small pieces of steel and iron were all that could be collected of the wagon. The

FRAGMENTS OF STEEL

were for the most part twisted into peculiar shapes and broken with ragged edges.

NUMBERS

LADIES AND CHILDREN

visited the spot, and the inhabitants of Enterprise and the neighborhood were

scattered round in small groups, some of them

SEARCHING FOR RELICS

and others with horror contemplating the

FUTURE PROBABILITIES

of explosion in the vicinity of their homes, and all that was near and dear to them, while all were forced to the conclusion that the

TRANSPORTATION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE

over the public highway, and through populous villages was

A VILLANOUS CRIME

of the deepest dye, and worse than murder, as it momentarily renders it quite probable that

HUNDREDS OF BOULS

may instantly be launched into eternity without

THE SLIGHTEST WARNING.

This is not our language, for it was the indignant comment of nearly all who visited the scene of the disaster.

THE INQUEST.

About half-past four o'clock Mr. G. C. Pettit, Justice of the Peace at Enterprise, summoned the following named persons to act as jurors, and proceeded to hold an inquest over the remains: B. D. Benson,

foreman; Wm. Booth, Marshall Dibblel, O. B. McKinney, M. J. Allison, A. Benedict, J. B. Dunson, Chas. Newkirk, W. H. Castle, Chas. George, R. Nelson and C. Dunham. The jury, after viewing the remains in a basket, proceeded, to a shady spot, and

DR. W. R. BOBERTS

testified as follows:

"Charles Clark was in the torpedo business in Tidoute. He has been agent there for the Roberts Torpedo Company for the past two years. I saw him at Titusville this morning, and he informed me that he was going to take some nitro-glycerine to Tidoute. I suppose he had nitro-glycerine in his wagon, but don't know how much; presume from

THINK TO FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS.

I can ascertain when I reach home. I judge of the quantity from the appearance of the ground. I recognize his face. I suppose the accident occurred by the wagon jarring into a hole in the road.

NITRO-GLYCERINE GOES OFF

by concussion between two pieces of iron. I suppose it slipped over on to the springs. It ignited at 800 degrees of heat. The months of the cans are

SEALED WITH COBBS,

which might have become loose from jarring, and the nitro-glycerine slipped over between the springs of the wagon."

ISA DATHWAY

sworn—"I saw deceased between ten and eleven o'clock this morning in Titusville. He said he had come in after nitro-glycerine, and was going out with it to Tidoute. He had his good day, and left. I recognize his face by the teeth all being gone except one on the upper jaw. I think he may have come to his death by the explosion of nitro-glycerine."

Dr. Roberts was recalled, and further testified that he supposed Clark took the nitro-glycerine

THE ROBERTS MAGAZINE.

He did not know what route he took, but he generally went across the flats to Pine Creek.

About five o'clock the jury returned the following

VERDICT:

We, the undersigned, a jury of inquest held on the body of Charles C. Clark, of Tidoute, Warren county, Pa., on May 19th, 1871, do believe that the said Charles C. Clark came to his death by the ignition of explosion of nitro-glycerine, which said Clark was transporting on a spring wagon, from Titusville to Tidoute, while in the employ of the Roberts Torpedo Company, and about three-quarters of a mile from Enterprise, on the road leading to Titusville.

It appears that Mr. Clark the deceased, was in the habit,

SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK,

of transporting between four and six hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine through the plank road toll gate, and consequently

THROUGH THE CITY.

On this occasion it is asserted that the wagon charged with four hundred pounds of the said explosive stopped

CORNER OF THE POST OFFICE

during the forenoon of yesterday, coupled with the total inability or indifference of city and State authorities to protect its citizens from such outrages of a monied monopoly, has decided not to remove its family to a place of safety unless some remedy is insured.

To what object do we toil for home and comforts for ourselves and our loved ones, when there is a moral certainty that unless the transportation of this hellish compound is at once and forever stopped, all will be destroyed at "one fell swoop?"

There is a feeling of deep and just indignation in this community at the course pursued by the Roberts Torpedo Company in their manner of conducting their perilous business, and it will be well for those that hold the reins of the city government to take such action in the premises as will relieve them of the imputation that they stand in fear of the Torpedo Company, and dare not exercise their office of enforcement.

proceeding the streets of Titusville, should the City Council will be deaf to the wishes of their constituents, and disregard these awful warnings, they will richly deserve the scorn of all good men and women, and become a hissing and by-word in this community.

PLAIN TALK

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF THREAD—Best in use, only 30 cts. a dozen, at Hall & Bosley's, 72 Spring street.

PERFECTLY HAPPY FOR FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS—Robert Bonner, the driver of the *Lager* and publisher of *Dexter*, Horace Greeley, author of "What I know about the *Tribune*," and a wealthy—or supposed to be such—individual, are not the only ones who are afflicted with appeals for alms and pecuniary aid in various sums, from one dollar to thousands of them. A few days since one of our well-to-do oil operators, who has lived long and prospered, and has a few quarts of spot oil on hand, in case of emergency, received a letter written in a delicate feminine hand, from an eastern city, in which the writer said: "I have you a very wealthy, and would not use a few dollars or so, and as I am on the eve of getting married to a poor but industrious young man, I thought maybe you would send me a little money. If you will send me fifteen thousand dollars it would make me perfectly happy."

Our friend, at the time he received this letter, did not happen to have more than eight thousand dollars in his vest pocket, and that he was about to invest in a large-sized Government bond for his boy to paper his kite with, and he would have been compelled with the young lady's request and rendered her "perfectly happy."

The Philadelphia & Erie Railroad is making a correct effort to secure the passenger travel between the East and West. They have reduced the running time between Erie and Philadelphia to two hours, and attached elegant sleeping cars to the through trains. Two of these cars are most beautiful pieces of workmanship, and cost between \$18,000 and \$14,000 each. One of them was built at the East, under the supervision of Mr. W. T. Smith, master mechanic of the company. The new time table of the road, which went into effect on Monday, makes important changes. It will be found in our advertising columns.

CANADA OIL FIELDS—The *Patriot* (Ont.) *Weekly Oil Reporter* states "that there has been a great falling off in the production during the past few weeks; this, together with the fact that the stock in tanks has been very much reduced, leads to the question, what is to be done to supply the increasing demand? At present the refineries here, in London, are, for the most part, idle or doing very little, but when they again resume work for the fall trade, crude must either be produced in greater quantities or the price will have to advance."

PRICE REDUCED.—Hall & Bosley sell best sewing machine thread at 80 cents a dozen.

ABOUT \$5,000 worth of books were disposed of at the recent auction sale of James Rice in this city.

## Varieties.

A new street has been laid out from Franklin street, near the former site of Haigh's paper mill across the point of the hill to the Church-run road, and several cottages are in process of erection on the new street.

An invoice of elegant bouquets for the Commercial Club reception has been ordered by private parties from the East, and we may expect to see roses of every hue, on the cheeks of the belles and the coats of the beaux.

Church-run is over run with young anglers with pin hooks, who now and then capture a trout as large as a horse bean, and the old settlers have left for other streams that are more quiet and less oily.

Apple trees are just in blossom in this vicinity.

A fine portrait of L. Emery, Jr., graced the Oil Exchange rooms last evening. It was painted by C. F. Tuttle, of this city, and looked so life-like that several dealers in the "fluid" approached the artist with offers to buy or sell. O. L. 1st.

A representative of the brokers' interest, during a full spell last week, accepted an offer of a new hat to dance for four minutes in the Exchange rooms, and hosed it down lively for the time specified.

Downy stable keepers wear a smile that is childlike and bland this weather.

What have become of the old-fashioned strawberry festivals that once marked the month of May in Titusville, and where a ticket-holder could spoil a white shirt, and even change in several instances of fruit for a moderate contribution?

Several suspicious characters have been seen prowling around for several nights past, and two attempts to force an entrance into homes on Main street were made last week.

The nitro-glycerine explosion yesterday, shook a portion of the titanic ozone from the Directors' room of the Citizens Bank. If the explosion had occurred when the glycerine was driven through Diamond street, it would have shaken the bank from off the sluice work.

Hereafter come but those holding membership tickets will be admitted to the Oil Exchange rooms during business hours, unless introduced by members, as specified in the by-laws regulating the Petroleum Board of Trade.

Our exchange of yesterday contained a great mass of information about Robert's execution, but none that the man to read the newspapers should let him rest, and not endeavor to continue the sickening sensation by feeding the public with fresh horrors. They only minister to a depraved appetite, and are fit only for the columns of the *Police Gazette* and yellow covered literature of the pernicious class.

Can the Common Council Enforce the Laws?

By attending to a legitimate business I have within a few years accumulated a few thousand dollars worth of property in Titusville, and it has been my intention to live here the remainder of my days; but the frequent occurrence of nitro-glycerine explosions has so completely paralyzed the city and State authorities to protect its citizens from such outrages of a monied monopoly, has decided not to remove its family to a place of safety unless some remedy is insured.

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